

You Can Take It To The Bank

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The first bank in Nebraska was established even before Nebraska became a state. The Kountze Brothers Bank was opened in Omaha in 1857, when Nebraska was still a territory. It later



became First National Bank of Omaha. As more and more of Nebraska was settled, more banks were established. Nebraska Memories contains many [images of banks](#) in Nebraska cities and towns, from many different points in the history of the state.

First National was just one of many banks in Omaha. This [print](#) from the 1880s shows five different Omaha banks, only a few of the city's banking institutions. Of course, smaller towns in Nebraska had banks, too.

The [bank in Sidney](#) in 1900 shared a stone building with a dry goods store and a millinery shop. This [image](#) of the Bank of Brainard gives us a glimpse into the interior of an early twentieth century bank.

A slightly more recent [picture](#), from the 1920s, shows a bank in Richfield, Nebraska. Myco-workers and I were commenting that the four percent interest rate advertised in the window is better than what we are currently receiving on our accounts!



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